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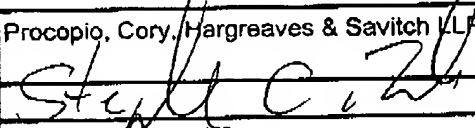
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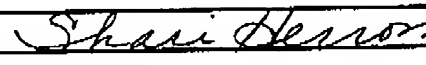
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	First Named Inventor	Rafael P. Bouffard
	Art Unit	3711
	Examiner Name	Michael S. Chambers
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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005**

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**

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**Complete If Known**

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Examiner Name	Michael S. Chambers
Art Unit	3711
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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		
<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
- 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3		

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				<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

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Serial No. 10/823,062  
13 December 2005 Reply to  
31 October 2005 Office Action

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Bouffard, et al.**

**Serial No.:** 10/823,062

**Filed:** April 13, 2004

**For:** FRAMELESS PORTABLE  
SUSPENSION SYSTEM

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) **Group Art Unit:** 3711

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) **Examiner:** M. Chambers

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 31, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks, where:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.